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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/747,967	OULD-BRAHIM, HAMID	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	David Silver	2128	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-20 were originally presented for examination and rejected.
2. Claims 1-20 were cancelled and therefore withdrawn from consideration.
3. Claims 21-22 are currently pending in Instant Application.
4. The Instant Application is not currently in condition for allowance.

### ***Priority***

5. Priority is not claimed (12/29/03).

### ***Response to Arguments***

6. The 35 USC §101, §112, §102, and §103 rejections have been mooted by Applicant's cancellation of all Previously Presented Claims.

### ***Claim Interpretation***

7. Limitations drawn to allowing, enabling or making optional a function's performance does not further limit a claim. As such, any prior art not explicitly prohibiting the performance of the function inherently anticipates the limitation. Additionally, limitations such as "adapted to", "adapted for", "configured to" do not further limit the claim because they do not necessitate the function or structure. See MPEP 2111.04.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

8. Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.
- 8.1 In this instance, absent an explicit and deliberate definition in the specification that the product includes an appropriate medium or hardware elements, the claims are directed to software, *per se*. Note exemplary claim 21 which recites only software elements. Additionally, software, *per se*, is not considered concrete.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

9. Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zelig et al. **(US**

**20040037279 A1)**.

Zelig discloses: 21. An intermediate node in a multihop pseudo-wire comprising:

a forwarder logical entity configured to: terminate a first pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said first pseudo-wire segment includes, as a target, an attachment individual identifier associated with said forwarder; originate a second pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said second pseudo-wire segment includes, as a source, said attachment individual identifier associated with said forwarder **(forwarding logic ... Fig 1, 2 (item 34 "forwarding engine") and Figs' descriptions; individual identifier ... Fig 4 5 and their descriptions)**.

Zelig discloses: 22. An intermediate node in a multihop pseudo-wire comprising:

a first forwarder logical entity configured to terminate a first pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said first pseudo-wire segment includes, as a target, an attachment individual identifier associated with said first forwarder; and a second forwarder logical entity configured to originate a second pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said second pseudo-wire segment includes, as a source, an attachment individual identifier associated with said second forwarder **(forwarding logic ... Fig 1, 2 (item 34 "forwarding engine") and Figs' descriptions; individual identifier ... Fig 4 5 and their descriptions; the figure has at least two routers, each of which has a first forwarder logic and second forwarder logic.)**.

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10. Claims 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Anthony J. Li et al.

**(US 5,473,599).**

Zelig discloses: 21. An intermediate node in a multihop pseudo-wire comprising:

a forwarder logical entity configured to: terminate a first pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said first pseudo-wire segment includes, as a target, an attachment individual identifier associated with said forwarder; originate a second pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said second pseudo-wire segment includes, as a source, said attachment individual identifier associated with said forwarder **(col: 8 line: 19-23; col: 2 line: 16-30).**

Zelig discloses: 22. An intermediate node in a multihop pseudo-wire comprising:

a first forwarder logical entity configured to terminate a first pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said first pseudo-wire segment includes, as a target, an attachment individual identifier associated with said first forwarder; and a second forwarder logical entity configured to originate a second pseudo-wire segment of said multihop pseudo-wire, where a description of said second pseudo-wire segment includes, as a source, an attachment individual identifier associated with said second forwarder **(col: 8 line: 19-23; col: 2 line: 16-30).**

### ***Conclusion***

11. All claims are rejected.

12. The Instant Application is not currently in condition for allowance.

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Silver whose telephone number is (571) 272-8634. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 10am to 6:30pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah can be reached on 571-272-2279. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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